Arizona Department of Education Adult Education Services

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Adult Education delivers literacy services to out-of-school adults who are 16 years of age and older and who are not enrolled in K-12 school.

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Northland Pioneer College** is the program certified to provide adult education throughout Apache County.   The Arizona Department of Education–Adult Education Services **allocated $77,832 to Apache County** for adult education services for the Program Year 2011-2012.

Apache County's
Adult Education NEEDS

Of the approximately 71,681 people living in Apache County, 68% (49,014) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 26% (12,807) lack a high school credential. 19% (1,158) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

6% of individuals 18 years and older (2,905) live in "linguistically isolated" households *(all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English)* .

Source: American Community Survey 2009-2011 3-Yr Estimate

Apache County
Adult Education DATA

- 132 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 7,254 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- $10.73 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- $589.64 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student
  (compared to over $5,300 funding per K-12 student)
- 60% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 70% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 56% who sought a job found employment
- 50% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 75% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data: 37** Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

Apache County was an early adopter in linking Adult Education and Workforce Development. In the 2007-2008 program year, Northland Pioneer College received over $70,000 in additional funding to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field for the residents of Apache and Navajo Counties. Lessons learned from the Apache/Navajo model have been implemented in Arizona's current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.
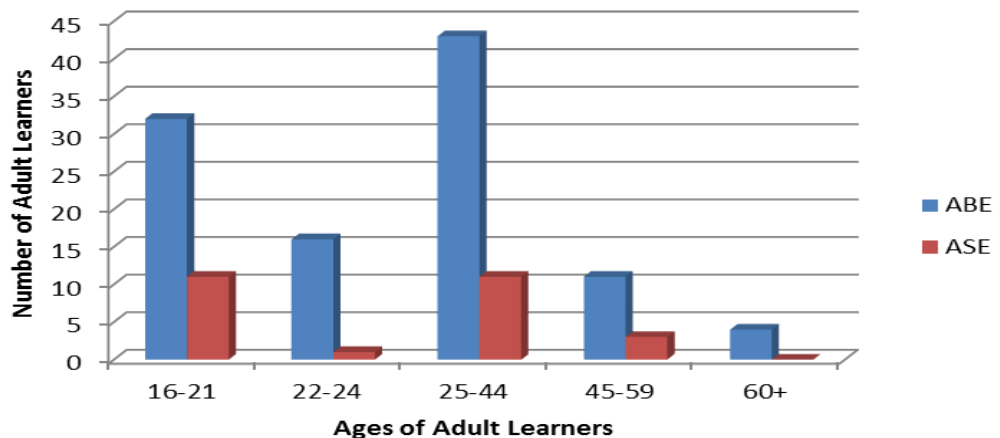
SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in APACHE County

- 13,198 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2010-2011 school year. Apache County reported 4,183 public high school (Grades 9-12) students. Adult Education served 62 people under the age of 25, of whom 69% (43) were between ages 16 and 21.

- 80% of the adults in Apache County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.

- 41% of adult learners in Apache County are between the ages of 25 and 44.

- 17% of adult learners in Apache County are employed.

- 26% (12,807) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Apache County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.

- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be $8,580. The 37 individuals earning a GED® in Apache County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately $317,460 per year.

Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math SIGNIFICANTLY increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

Apache County Adult Learners Served

ABE   =   Adult Basic Education   Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8ᵗ grade level.
ASE   =   Adult Secondary Education   Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.